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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR OBASANJO VISIT: CHASE DINNER

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1. WE SHARE DEPARTMENT'S REGRET AT APPARENT CANCELLATION OF CHASE DINNER AND BELIEVE IT IS WORTH ONE MORE TRY TO RESUSCITATE THIS ENGAGEMENT. MEA, HOWEVER, IS PROVING TO BE INCREASINGLY WEAK REED ON ALL MATTERS INVOLVING OBASANJO'S SCHEDULE. WE CANNOT COUNT ON MEA TO TRANSMIT WITH ANY DEGREE OF FORECEFULNES OUR REQUEST THAT CANCELLATION BE REEXAMINED. FURTHERMORE, CHANCES OF OBASANJO'S MAINTAINING THIS ENGAGEMENT COULD BE CONSIDERABLY ENHANCED IF GARBA WERE TO SUPPORT THE IDEA. GARBA WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT OBASANJO'S MEETING WITH TOP USG ECONOMIC OFFICIALS. WITH THAT MEETING NOW SCRUBBED, WE BELIEVE DEPARTMENT MIGHT PREVAIL UPON HIM TO ASK OBASANJO TO MAINTAIN AT LEAST THE CHASE COMMITMENT. ACCORDINGLY, WE PROPOSE HOLD BACK ON RAISING THIS PROBLEM WITH MEA UNTIL WE HEAR FROM YOU WHETHER YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE ENLIST GARBA'S SUPPORT.

2. AS INSTRUCTED PARA TWO OF REFTTEL B, WE WILL ATTEMPT
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OBTAIN FROM MEA ON MONDAY CONFIRMATION OF OBASANJO'S ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING WITH SECRETARY AND NEED FOR APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO NIGERIAN EMBASSY. WE WILL ALSO DISCUSS PROPOSED CHANGES THAT MIGHT ALLEVIATE TIGHTNESS IN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SCHEDULE.
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